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finds sufficient to assure their undisturbed utilization of the project site for the estimated life of the project.

(c) With respect to real property acquired with EPA grant assistance, the grantee must defer acquisition of such property until approval of the Regional Administrator is obtained under § 35.940-3.

#### § 35.935-4 Step 2+3 projects.

A grantee which has received step 2=3 grant assistance must make submittals required by § 35.920-3(c), together with approvable user charge and industrial cost recovery systems and a preliminary plan of operation. The Regional Administrator shall give written approval of these submittals before advertising for bids on the step 3 construction portion of the step 2=3 project. The cost of step 3 work initiated before such approval is not allowable. Failure to make the above submittals as required is cause for invoking sanctions under § 35.965.

#### § 35.935-5 Davis-Bacon and related statutes.

Before soliciting bids or proposals for step 3-type work, the grantee must consult with the Regional Administrator concerning compliance with Davis-Bacon and other statutes referenced in § 30.415 *et seq.* of this subchapter.

#### § 35.935-6 Equal employment opportunity.

Contracts involving step 3-type work of \$10,000 or more are subject to equal employment opportunity requirements under Executive Order 11246 (see part 8 of this chapter). The grantee must consult with the Regional Administrator about equal employment opportunity requirements before issuance of an invitation for bids where the cost of construction work is estimated to be more than \$1 million or where required by the grant agreement.

#### § 35.935-7 Access.

The grantee must insure that EPA and State representatives will have access to the project work whenever it is in preparation or progress. The grantee must provide proper facilities for access and inspection. The grantee must

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allow the Regional Administrator, the Comptroller General of the United States, the State agency, or any authorized representative, to have access to any books, documents, plans, reports, papers, and other records of the contractor which are pertinent to the project for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, copies and transcriptions. The grantee must insure that a party to a subagreement will provide access to the project work, sites, documents, and records. See §§ 30.605 and 30.805 of this subchapter, clause 9 of appendix C-1 to this subpart, and clause 10 of appendix C-2 to this subpart.

#### § 35.935-8 Supervision.

In the case of any project involving Step 3, the grantee will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision and inspection of the project to ensure that the construction conforms with the approved plans and specifications.

#### § 35.935-9 Project initiation and completion.

(a) The grantee agrees to expeditiously initiate and complete the step 1, 2, or 3 project, or cause it to be constructed and completed, in accordance with the grant agreement and application, including the project progress schedule, approved by the Regional Administrator. Failure of the grantee to promptly initiate and complete step 1, 2, or 3 project construction may result in annulment or termination of the grant.

(b) No date reflected in the grant agreement, or in the project completion schedule, or extension of any such date, shall modify any compliance date established in an NPDES permit. It is the grantee's obligation to request any required modification of applicable permit terms or other enforceable requirements.

(c) The invitation for bids for step 3 project work is expected to be issued promptly after grant award. Generally this action should occur within 90 to 120 days after award unless compliance with State or local laws requires a longer period of time. The Regional Administrator shall annul or terminate the grant if initiation of all significant

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elements of step 3 construction has not occurred within 12 months of the award for the step 3 project (or approval of plans and specifications, in the case of a step 2=3 project). (See definition of "initiation of construction" under "construction" in § 35.905.) However, the Regional Administrator may defer (in writing) the annulment or termination for not more than 6 additional months if:

- (1) The grantee has applied for and justified the extension in writing to the Regional Administrator;
- (2) The grantee has given written notice of the request for extension to the NPDES permit authority;
- (3) The Regional Administrator determines that there is good cause for the delay in initiation of project construction; and
- (4) The State agency concurs in the extension.

### § 35.935-10 Copies of contract documents.

In addition to the notification of project changes under § 30.900 of this chapter, a grantee must promptly submit to the Regional Administrator a copy of any prime contract or modification of it and of revisions to plans and specifications.

### § 35.935-11 Project changes.

(a) In addition to the notification of project changes required under § 30.900-1 of this chapter, the Regional Administrator's and (where necessary) the State agency's prior written approval is required for:

- (1) Project changes which may—
  - (i) Substantially alter the design and scope of the project;
  - (ii) Alter the type of treatment to be provided;
  - (iii) Substantially alter the location, size, capacity, or quality of any major item of equipment; or
  - (iv) Increase the amount of Federal funds needed to complete the project.However, prior EPA approval is not required for changes to correct minor errors, minor changes, or emergency changes; and
- (2) Subagreement amendments amounting to more than \$100,000 for which EPA review is required under §§ 35.937-6(b) and 35.938-5 (d) and (g).

(b) No approval of a project change under § 30.900 of this chapter shall obligate the United States to any increase in the amount of the grant or grant payments unless a grant increase is also approved under § 35.955. This does not preclude submission or consideration of a request for a grant amendment under § 30.900-1 of this chapter.

### § 35.935-12 Operation and maintenance.

(a) The grantee must make provision satisfactory to the Regional Administrator for assuring economic and effective operation and maintenance of the treatment works in accordance with a plan of operation approved by the State water pollution control agency or, as appropriate, the interstate agency.

(b) As a minimum, the plan shall include provision for:

- (1) An operation and maintenance manual for each facility;
- (2) An emergency operating and response program;
- (3) Properly trained management, operation and maintenance personnel;
- (4) Adequate budget for operation and maintenance;
- (5) Operational reports;
- (6) Provisions for laboratory testing and monitoring adequate to determine influent and effluent characteristics and removal efficiencies as specified in the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit;
- (7) An operation and maintenance program for the sewer system.

(c) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, the Regional Administrator shall not pay—

- (1) More than 50 percent of the Federal share of any step 3 project unless the grantee has furnished a draft of the operation and maintenance manual for review, or adequate evidence of timely development of such a draft; or
- (2) More than 90 percent of the Federal share unless the grantee has furnished a satisfactory final operation and maintenance manual.

(d) In projects where segmenting of an operable treatment works has occurred, the Regional Administrator shall not pay—